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ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED TO 17 ½ YEARS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Justin Tully Tracy, 38, of Smoke Signal, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, was sentenced January 28, 2002, to 210 months (seventeen and one-half years), by United States District Judge James A. Teilborg, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Defendant Tracy had entered a plea of guilty on October 10, 2001, to aggravated sexual abuse of a ten year-old child. Defendant Tracy, an officer ["roadman" or medicine man] in the Native American Church, had been charged by federal grand jury indictment with multiple counts of aggravated sexual abuse on June 13, 2001. Tracy's lengthy sentence reflects the severity of the offense and his breach of trust to his supporters in the Native American Church and to his followers in the community.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Gallup, New Mexico field office, and the Navajo Nation Division of Law Enforcement.

The prosecution was handled by Soo Song, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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